Amendment to the Claims

1.(Currently Amended) A tablet packing apparatus ~~provided~~comprising:

a plurality of tablet feeders arranged in an up and down direction so as to form a multistage shelf, each of the tablet feeders having a tablet outlet;

~~with~~ a tablet drop guide path ~~that~~ for receiving tablets from the tablet feeders and guiding the ~~guides~~ tablets to a packing unit, wherein the tablet outlets are arranged so that the tablets drop obliquely downward into the tablet drop guide path from each of tablet outlets of the tablet feeders; and ~~provided in an up and down direction in a manner of multistage shelf, wherein~~

a bounce preventing member disposed in the tablet drop guide path and positioned so as to oppose ~~is provided in a position opposing to~~ the tablet outlets of the tablet feeders~~drop guide path~~, ~~and~~ wherein the bounce preventing member is obliquely provided with respect to the plumb line so that it recedes from the tablet outlets in a direction toward a~~the~~ lower end thereof.

2. (Original) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 1, wherein the bounce preventing member comprises a flexible plate.

3. (Original) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 2, wherein any one end of the upper end and lower end of the bounce preventing member is supported movably in a direction of thickness while the other end is movable in a direction of thickness.

4. (Original) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 2, wherein any one end of the upper end and

lower end of the bounce preventing member is supported fixedly while the other end is movable in a direction of thickness.

5. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.

6. (Currently Amended) A tablet packing apparatus comprising:

a plurality of tablet feeders arranged in an up and down direction so as to form a multistage shelf, wherein each of the tablet feeders includes a tablet outlet;

~~provided with~~ a tablet drop guide path for guiding~~that guides~~ tablets fed from the tablet feeders to a packing unit, wherein the tablet outlets of the tablet feeders are arranged such that the tablets will drop obliquely downward into the tablet drop guide path from each of tablet outlets of the tablet feeders ~~provided in an up and down direction in a manner of multistage shelf~~; and, ~~wherein~~

a bounce preventing member~~member is~~ provided so as to extend obliquely from a~~the~~ lower edge of an~~the~~ upper-stage tablet outlet or the vicinity thereof to a position apart from a~~the~~ lower-stage tablet outlet.

7. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 6, wherein a~~the~~ lower half portion of the bounce preventing member comprises a vertical portion.

8. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 6, wherein the bounce

preventing member comprises a cover portion extending from the lower end of it to the upper edge of the lower-stage tablet outlet.

9. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 6, wherein the bounce preventing member is formed integrally with side walls of the tablet drop guide path.

10. (Currently Amended) A tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, further comprising a second bounce preventing member provided so as to extend obliquely from a lower edge of an upper-stage tablet outlet or the vicinity thereof to a position apart from the lower-stage tablet outlet.

11. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 2~~claim in 2~~, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.

12. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim~~claim in~~ 3, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.

13. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim~~claim in~~ 4, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.

14. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 7, wherein the bounce preventing member comprises a cover portion extending from the lower end of it to the upper edge of the lower-stage tablet outlet.

15. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 7, wherein the bounce preventing member is formed integrally with side walls of the tablet drop guide path.

16. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 8, wherein the bounce preventing member is formed integrally with side walls of the tablet drop guide path.